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H. R. 1515

To assist courts in the States and territories with improving the
administration of justice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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the administration of justice.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

4 **BY STATE COURTS.**

5 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General is
6 authorized to award a grant to an eligible entity to im-
7 prove the administration of justice by State courts through
8 training, education, technical assistance, information serv-
9 ices, research and implementation of best practices for

1 court operations, and any other activities the Attorney
2 General determines to be appropriate.

3 (b) GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For the purposes of
5 this section, the term “eligible entity” means a na-
6 tional nonprofit organization with experience in car-
7 rying out the activities and providing the services de-
8 scribed in subsection (a).

9 (2) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a
10 grant under this section shall submit an application
11 to the Attorney General at such time, in such man-
12 ner, and containing such information as the Attor-
13 ney General may require.

14 (c) CONSULTATION.—In carry out and prioritizing
15 the activities authorized under this section, the grantee
16 under this section shall consult with, and shall consider
17 any recommendations from, the Conference of Chief Jus-
18 tices and the Conference of State Court Administrators.

19 (d) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The Attorney Gen-
20 eral may provide additional assistance to the grantee
21 under this section to carry out the activities authorized
22 under subsection (a).

23 (e) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the term
24 “State” means any State, territory, or possession of the

1 United States, the District of Columbia, and the Common-
2 wealth of Puerto Rico.

3 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$4,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through
6 2014, which shall remain available until expended.

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